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§4–901.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Council" means the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Council established under § 4–903 of this subtitle.
- (c) "Evidence-based health program" means a program or an initiative that:
- (1) is developed and evaluated through scientific research and data collection;
- (2) uses public health principles that demonstrate measurable positive outcomes in preventing gun violence; and
  - (3) is implemented by a nonprofit organization or public agency.
- (d) "Evidence-informed health program" means a program, an approach, or an initiative that is:
  - (1) based on public health principles;
- (2) capable of being studied and evaluated through research and data collection;
  - (3) for the purpose of reducing gun violence;
- (4) directed to influence factors determined to affect gun violence; and
  - (5) implemented by a nonprofit organization or public agency.
- (e) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.
- (f) "Fund" means the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund.

- (g) "Hospital-based violence intervention program" means a violence intervention program that:
  - (1) is operated by:
    - (i) a hospital; or
    - (ii) an individual or entity in collaboration with a hospital; and
- (2) provides intensive counseling, case management, and social services to individuals who are recovering from injuries resulting from violence.
  - (h) "Local government" means a county or municipality.

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